

(d) Standard: Program implementation

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§483.440(d)(1) As soon as the interdisciplinary team has formulated a client's individual program plan, each client must receive a continuous active treatment program consisting of needed interventions and services in sufficient number and frequency to support the achievement of the objectives identified in the individual program plan.

Guidance §483.440(d)(1)

There should be no delay in the development and implementation of the IPP. To promote a team process and meaningful discussion, IPP development should take place during IDT meetings. Any IPP objective or modification that is critical to the health and safety of any client should be implemented immediately following IDT discussion."

Each individual receives training and services consistent with the current IPP.

The time period between admission and the 30 day IDT meeting is primarily to assist the client to become adjusted and acclimated to his or her new living environment and to enable the facility to complete the CFA. During this time period the facility should also be providing those services and activities determined during the pre-admission assessment as essential to the client's daily functioning.

The active treatment program for the client is consistently implemented in all relevant settings both formally and informally as opportunities present themselves. It should not be limited to specific periods of time during the day or specific environments.

Each client should receive aggressive and continuous training, treatments and supports in accordance with their needs and IPP. New skills and appropriate behaviors are encouraged and reinforced across environments and times of day.

- During observations confirm that the client activities relate directly to the strengths, needs and objectives in the IPP for each client and are not "busy work," generalized or non-developmental time fillers. For example, screwing nuts on bolts and then unscrewing them repeatedly with no goal or transferable skills is "busy work." Screwing nuts on bolts that will be part of a product is functional reinforcement of skill acquisition.
- Clients use adaptive equipment, assistive devices, environmental supports, materials, supplies, etc., as specified in each client's IPP to assist the client to accomplish stated objectives.

There is no specific number or frequency of interventions that meets this requirement. The surveyors should see that the facility capitalizes on all opportunities throughout the course of the day that promote progress toward the achievement of goals and objectives.

Informal opportunities ("teachable moments") should be utilized to reinforce learning or appropriate skill development and needs are addressed as they present.

Although a client may not be able to reach complete independence in a functional skill, it is crucial that retention of their current skills be supported.

Clients may have defined periods of time where they may engage in leisure activities of their choice which are not necessarily directly associated with their IPP goals and objectives.

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§483.440(d)(2) The facility must develop an active treatment schedule that outlines the current active treatment program and that is readily available for review by relevant staff.

Guidance §483.440(d)(2)

The schedule is individualized, consistent with the client's objectives, and reflects normal daily routines.

The staff working with individual clients are familiar with their daily schedules and can produce the schedule upon request.

The active treatment schedule allows flexibility and is adjusted to the needs and preferences of the client, as necessary. It's a schedule of the client's general daily plans, but can be changed.

The active treatment schedule is a functional schedule which enables client and staff to be in the right location in order to participate in the training as scheduled by the IPP.

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§483.440(d)(3) Except for those facets of the individual program plan that must be implemented only by licensed personnel, each client's individual program plan must be implemented by all staff who work with the client, including professional, paraprofessional and nonprofessional staff.

Guidance §483.440(d)(3)

All disciplines, including direct care staff, interacting with the client work together to provide a uniform, consistent approach to implementation of the IPP.